(c) whether there is any proposal to give preference to the Government employees in the residential schemes in view of acute shortage of Government accommodation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The areas in which flats are being constructed are Rohini, Shalimar Bagh, Narela, Sarita Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Peeragarhi, Dwarka. etc. The Registration Schemes likely to be announced shortly.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Requirement of Houses in Urban Areas

621. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the requirement of houses in the urban areas of the country;

(b) what would be the requirement in urban areas;

(c) how far the proposed 10-Point fiscal plan for stremlining the growth in housing sector is helpful in overcoming the housing problem; and

(d) what would be the estimated expenditure in the implementation of the programme of meeting the full assessed requirement of houses and the period over which the scheme is feasible to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the projections of housing shortage made by the NBO/Working Group of Planning Commission on Urban Housing for 9th Plan based on 1991 censes data, the housing shortage is assessed at 7.18 million for Urban Areas in 1999.

(c) and (d) Certain fiscal concessions have been granted in the Union Budget 1999-2000 to accelerate the pace of house construction in the country. So far no study has been made to assess the impact of these concessions. Nevertheless, some HFIs have noted a spurt in demand for housing loans. Accordingly HUDCO has fixed an annual

loan sanction target of Rs. 4260 crore for housing including 2 million housing programme as against the actual loan sanction of Rs. 4016.92 crores during 1998-99. As per the estimates made by Working Group on Housing for the 9th Plan an investment of Rs. 1,51,000 crore would be needed to provide shelter for all.

Mega City Scheme

622. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for Mega city scheme, year-wise and city-wise during the Eighth Plan period and the actual disbursal made thereof;

(b) the shortfalls thereof, if any, and the reasons therefor;

(c) the corresponding expenditure made by respective State Governments during the same period;

(d) the amount of institutional credit mobilised during the corresponding period;

(e) the assessment of Government over the achievements of the scheme; and

(f) whether the scheme will be continued during the Ninth Plan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT: (Shri Bandaru Dattatreya)

Year	Budgeted Outlays	Actual Outlays
	(Rupees in Crores)	
1992-93	—	—
1993-94*	—	—
1994-95	75.00	74.60
1995-96	84.00	84.00
1996-97	84.00	61.00